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**A** Piece is printed here intituled *La Pompa Siciliana, or a Relation of what passed at Palermo at the Publick Entry of their Majesties Victor Amadeus II Duke of Savoy and Anna Maria of Orleans his Consort, in the Quality of King and Queen of Sicily; with the Particulars of all the Ceremonies observed at the Coronation of their said Majesties.* So much of this Piece as relates to the States of Sicily taking the Oath of Fidelity to their new King, and to his engaging by Oath on his Part to keep and maintain the Laws of the Country, (which was done with great Ceremony at his Entry into Palermo and before his Coronation,) is as follows.

Their Majesties having entered Palermo passed directly to the Cathedral Church, where alighting they walked up to a Throne erected for the Occasion in the Space between the High Altar and the Choir. Where being Seated, the Gentlemen of the King's Bed-Chamber brought in a small Table covered with a Carpet and a Cushion was placed on it: His Majesty's Almoner laid on the said Cushion a Mass-Book opened in that Part where the Gospels are, and a Crucifix upon the Book. While this was doing the Protonotary approached the Throne, and the King bid him ascend up to the fifth Step, where he read distinctly and audibly the Form of the Oath of Fidelity and Homage to be taken by the three Estates of the Kingdom, which are called the Ecclesiastical, the Military, and the Popular Arms.

The Ecclesiastical Arm appeared first: The Archbishop kneeling, and laying his Hand on the Missal, the Protonotary asked him

Do you swear Fidelity and Homage to his Majesty, according to the Form of the Oath which I have now read. The Archbishop answered, Yes, I swear; then kissing the Gospel and the Cross, he went back to his Place among the Bishops.

The other Bishops and Prelates advanced one after another according to their Rank, and took the Oath in the like Manner.

The Military Arm did the like, the Barons and Nobles advancing each in his Rank.

The Deputies of the third Estate did the like.

This done, the Almoner took the Missal and the Cross which were on the little Table, and placed them on a Stand near to the King, the little Table being removed. Then his Majesty commanded the Protonotary to read aoud the Form of the Oath for observing the Statutes and Privileges of the Kingdom, and then he kneeled down before his Majesty and asked his Consent to the recording of this Form, and said aloud, Is it your Majesty's Pleasure to swear to observe the Statutes and Privileges of the Kingdom, according to the Form which you have commanded me to read? The King, standing up and taking off his Hat, laid his Hand on the Gospel, and answered, Yes, I swear, and kissed the Cross. Then the Protonotary making a low Bow, withdrew.

The Pretor (or Mayor) of Palermo, advancing to the Throne, and being command d to ascend,

kneeled down before the King, presented to him the Book of the Privileges of the City, and besought him to swear to observe it, and to permit the reading thereof. The King, having put on his Hat, and drawn on his Glove on his Right Hand, laid it on the Book and answered, Yes, I swear.

This Ceremony was on the 21st of December 1713. The Coronation on the 24th.

From the Paris Gazette, dated March 17.

Rome, Feb. 17. Yesterday the Marquis de Prie had a solemn Audience in the Quality of Ambassador of Obedience, and he went to it with all his Equipage and a great Train: But he was dispensed with from making the Cavalcade, which had used to be done on the like Occasion, according to the Ceremonial. As he had terminated the Difficulties which retarded the Conclusion of the Affair of the first Prayers, he presented in the Name of the Emperour a Petition, desiring an Indulgence to vest in him the Right of nominating for once to the first Dignities and Benefices which should become vacant in the Churches of Germany. There having been formerly great Contentions between the Popes and the Emperours on this Subject, the Emperour pretending that that Nomination belonged to them of Right, and the Popes that 'twas only a Favour, that even five Emperours successively did not demand it, the Marquis de Prie has obtained it in this Manner and by Way of Indulgence. To the End this Action might be the more solemn, the Cardinals Sacripante, Paulucci, d'Adda, Imperiale, Albano, and Colonna, were present at the Audience.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated March 23.

Rome, March 3. On Monday the Pope held a Consistory, in which he made an eloquent Speech on Occasion of the Indulgence desired by the Marquis de Prie in the Emperour's Name; and having taken the Advice of the Cardinals, he read the Bull, which was signed by all of them.

Falmouth, March 16. This Day came in the Expedition Packet-Boat in 9 Days from Lisbon. She brings an Account, that the Lord Forbes in the Greenwich arrived at Lisbon from Port-Mahon the 5th Instant; that the Portuguese were then fitting out a Fleet for Brasil, which would be ready to sail in 10 or 15 Days; and that she left the Royal Anne, Captain Trevor, ready to sail for England.

London, March 20.

Yesterday South Sea Stock was \$5 to \$5 one quarter. Bank, without 4 per Cent Dividend, \$19. India 12½ to 12½ one half. African 40 one half to 41.

By Her Majesty's Company of Comedians. AT the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane, this present S-turday, being the 20th of March, will be performed the Trag dy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark. Written by Shakespear. Being the last time of Acting till Easter Monday.

By Subscription.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this present S-turday, being the 20th of March, will be presented a new Opera call'd, Arminius. Being the last time of performing it'll after Easter. Tickets will be delivered to the Subscribers at Mrs. White's Chancery-House in St. James's-Street, this Day. Boxes upon the Stage 15. The Gallery a & 6.

